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Envisaging a vibrant Student Start-up Ecosystem in Gujarat: A dialogue involving Student Start-up ecosystem leaders

Date: 30th March 2015

Time: 6.00 P.M to & 7.30 P.M

Venue: GTU Conference room, ACPC Building, LDCE Complex

CORDIAL INVITATION to all incubation centre managers, Sankul authorities, Start-ups and Principals/ Directors of Colleges

AGENDA: How to leverage the opportunity to build a progressive student entrepreneurship culture and build the necessary infrastructure and complementary ecosystems to support them. The possibilities of mutual cooperation between various incubation centres will also be explored.

BACKGROUND NOTE: Entrepreneurship is not only emerging as a tool to create jobs in the country. We at GTU, feel that it may be an important vehicle for motivating the young to develop their skills better.

The start-up ecosystem in India is in a promising phase and various actors need to play a crucial role across the spectrum right from the pre-incubation to the scale-up phase. It is being re-emphasized by policymakers, at national and state levels, that universities of the 21st century have to play a crucial role in up-scaling the student start-up ecosystems. They all are motivated by what Stanford has been able to do in shaping the Silicon Valley start-up ecosystem in USA.

GTU Innovation Council was set up on 2nd August 2010. We started working on the agenda of setting up the eco-system of entrepreneurship right from the academic year of 2010-11. The result is that TBIs in Ahmedabad are today mostly catering to the start-ups, set up by student, passing out from the affiliated colleges of GTU. GTU has been the most open platform to extend all possible support to all the incubation centres and allied institutes. GTU has been continuously sharing its insights derived from its massive experiments and presenting them at both national and international forums.

In 2014 GTU has intervened through a very practical student start-up policy. Both the union ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship and the State ministry have gone through GTU's Start-up policy recommendations and welcomed the first such move by any state technology university.

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